



CONGLETON                  RURAL                  DISTRICT                  COUNCIL.

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INTERIM REPORT  
ON THE  
HEALTH AND SANITARY  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF THE  
DISTRICT

For the year ended 31st December, 1943.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Congleton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of your area for the year 1943. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this report is still issued in the curtailed form.



SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions

The customary notes on social conditions are not requested by the Ministry of Health for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

Estimated population	..	..	11,940		
			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births { Legitimate	..	..	132	105	77
{ Illegitimate	..	..	8	4	4
Still Births			5	4	1

Live Birth rate per 1,000 estimated average population mid-1943 - 15.9

This compares with a rate of 16.5 per 1,000 of the population in England and Wales.

Still Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births - - 25.6

Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

Legitimate	..	..	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Illegitimate	..	..	8	4	5
			0	0	0

This gives an Infantile mortality rate of 47.3 per 1,000 live births.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births - 49.4.

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births - Nil.

<u>Deaths</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths	..	..	149	88	61

Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population mid-1943 - 12.4.

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the District during the year:-



Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0	0
Cerebro-spinal fever	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	1	1
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0
Influenza	4	1	5
Measles	0	0	0
Acute Polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Acute Inf.encephalitis	0	0	0
Cancer of buc.cav.& oesoph (M), Uterus (f)	1	1	2
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	1	3
Cancer of breast	0	3	3
Cancer of all other sites	6	5	11
Diabetes	1	1	2
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	8	3	11
Heart Disease	20	19	39
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	0	2
Bronchitis	8	3	11
Pneumonia	4	0	4
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	2
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	0	0	0
Diarrhoea under 2 years	0	0	0
Appendicitis	1	0	1
Other digestive disease	0	2	2
Nephritis	2	3	5
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	0	0	0
Other maternal causes	0	0	0
Premature birth	1	3	4
Congenital malformation. birth inj., infant dis.	1	2	3
Suicide	2	0	2
Road Traffic accidents	1	0	1
Other violent causes	1	4	5
All other causes	21	6	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>149</b>

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes:-

	No. of Deaths.
Puerperal Sepsis ..	0
Other maternal causes ..	0
	<u>0</u>

The Maternal Mortality is Nil per 1,000 live and still births.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year which requires comment and there does not appear to be any occupation having a prejudicial effect on health.





## SECTION B.

### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

There has been no alteration in these services since the last Report.

The Old Rectory at Astbury is still used as a Hostel for evacuee children who are not suitable for ordinary billets.

## SECTION C.

### Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

#### Water Supply.

Every Parish in the Rural District is supplied with water either from the Council's own source at Mow Cop or from adjoining Districts, whilst in the case of the Parish of Moreton, this is supplied from a privately owned source.

The total number of domestic properties supplied from the Mow Cop source alone is 2,780 which leaves only 124 houses without a piped water supply, and these generally are located at too great a distance from the nearest water main.

In the report for 1942, it was stated that "danger point" had been reached at the Mow Cop Pumping Station, referring to the water levels in the bore-holes. At the time of writing, the pumping level is at the top of the strainer, and restrictions will have to be imposed. In fact, with a view to reducing to a minimum, the demand on this source of supply, 10 applications for connection to the main have been refused during recent months.

Arrangements have been made with the Alsager Urban District Council for a supply of water amounting to 100,000 gallons per day to be taken into this Council's distribution mains, but it was ultimately found that the present commitments of the Urban Council would permit them to supply only from 15 to 20,000 gallons per day.

In consequence it became urgently necessary to seek another source, and agreement has been reached with the Northwich Rural District Council for a supply of from 150 to 200,000 gallons per day to be taken from their mains at Cranage.

#### Sewerage

The circumstances of the area are generally as reported in 1942, but it is expected that the Council will authorise the Surveyor to proceed with the preparation of schemes for Odd Rode, Goostrey and Newbold Astbury, so that work may be commenced on these at the earliest opportunity after the cessation of hostilities.



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Closet Accommodation.

No. of conversions from conservancy system to water carriage	-	10
No. of houses on conservancy system in built-up areas, including 353 in Townships referred to above, as being in need of improved sewerage disposal facilities	.. ..	- 477

Public Cleansing.

There has been no change in arrangements for public cleansing.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

No. of Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector	..	- 899
No. of defects remedied	..	- 412

SECTION D.

Housing

The customary table of activities under the Housing Acts is omitted.

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of service of informal notice	.. ..	- 24
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served under the Housing Acts requiring repairs and which were rendered fit after service of such informal notice	..	- Nil
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	..	- 49
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of such notice.	..	- 38
No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year	-	Nil

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

No. of Registered Producers in the Area	.. ..	- 463
No. of Accredited Producers in the Area	.. ..	- 275
No. of T.T. Producers	.. ..	- 6

During the year 4 cowsheds were re-conditioned and 4 dairies altered.



SECTION F.

The following tables show the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the past year together with the number of cases admitted to hospital and the total number of deaths from each of these diseases

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	43	25	0
Diphtheria	4	3	0
Pneumonia	15	0	4
Erysipelae	9	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	0
Measles	70	0	0
Whooping Cough	20	0	1
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	1	0
Enteric Fever	1	0	0

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### Diphtheria Immunisation.

There is a diphtheria immunisation scheme in force within the district and the following table shows the extent to which it has been used during the year:-

No of children under school age immunised	..	..	81
No. of children of school age immunised	..	..	66
Total number of children immunised since the inception of the scheme in 1941	..	..	690

### TUBERCULOSIS.

Table of New Cases and Deaths during 1943.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Up to 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
5 - 15	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 25	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
25 - 35	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
35 - 45	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
45 - 55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 - 65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 & upwards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	4	4	0	1	1	0

### Factories Act, 1937.

There were no certificates granted regarding fire escapes during the year.

My thanks are due to the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor for thier help in the compilation of this Report.

I beg to remain

Your obedient Servant,

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Acting Medical Officer of Health.

